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SHONTS GOT \$290,000 PAY IN ONE YEAR; SAYS \$150,000 BONUS SURPRISED HIM

100,000 TURKS, 1,000 GUNS TAKEN IN ERZERUM FORTS; CITY REPORTED IN FLAMES

Grand Duke Nicholas Officially Announces His Big Victory to the Czar.

GREAT JOY IN RUSSIA.

Capture of Fortress Expected to Halt Turkish Plans for Invasion of Egypt.

PETROGRAD, via London, Feb. 17.—The Official Messenger estimates the Turkish garrison at Erzerum, capture of which was announced yesterday, as 100,000. It is also estimated that more than 1,000 guns were captured. These included 467 guns in the outer forts, 511 in central forts and many field guns.

The first official news of the fall of the stronghold in Turkish Armenia was contained in the following despatch to the Czar by the Grand Duke Nicholas:

"God has granted to the brave troops of the Army of the Caucasus such assistance that Erzerum has been taken, after five days of assault without precedent. I am immensely happy to announce this victory to Your Imperial Majesty."

The Turkish garrison was believed to have been commanded by German Field Marshal Count von der Goltz and Liman von Sanders. The city was on fire as the Russians marched in, and the first work of a large force of the victors was to fight against a spread of the flames.

The report of the Russian victory has been followed by the greatest demonstration since the capture of Premysl. Great crowds marched through the streets, waving the Russian colors and chanting hymns. Thousands attended Te Deum services in the great Kazan Cathedral, while other thousands, standing outside in the snow, offered up prayers for the Grand Duke Nicholas, again the national hero.

The newspapers to-day declared the Grand Duke's triumph only the prelude to great victories that will carry the Czar's armies sweeping back through Poland and Galicia before summer.

Because of meagre communications with the Caucasus region, details of the final fighting preceding the fall of the great Turkish fortress are lacking here.

The capture of Erzerum may mean the collapse of all Turkish plans of conquest in Persia, military men here believe, and possibly will force the Turks to abandon their plans to invade Egypt. With a British army, soon to be heavily reinforced, fighting only 110 miles from Baghdad and the Grand Duke's forces moving westward through Armenia in a spring drive, it is not believed here that Enver Pasha will be sending large forces to the Suez.

RUSSIAN LOSS 5,000 AND BRITISH 2,000 IS THE TURKISH ESTIMATE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 17 (via London).—The losses of one of the British expeditions in Mesopotamia in a battle with the Turks near Batina, west of Korna, amounted to 3,000 officers and men, according to an official announcement given out

BABY IS NOT HERS, SAYS PRINCESS IN REPLY TO HUSBAND

The Former Aimee Crocker Gouraud Fights Prince Miskinoff's Suit.

Surrounded by a cordon of attorneys and a retinue of secretaries and servants, Princess Aimee Crocker Gouraud-Miskinoff to-day appeared in Justice Bijur's part of the Supreme Court to fight a legal separation from her latest matrimonial acquisition, Prince Alexander Miskinoff.

As the case was not ready the princess, heavily veiled, stole into an unoccupied court room with her entourage to escape curious eyes. In the folds of a flowing velvet coat she carefully shielded her foster daughter Yvonne Gouraud, the chic and golden tressed little maid who, the prince claims, was given to him to love and cherish while the princess was in one of her "heroic and gallant moods."

The prince meandered about the court house unconcerned with his attorney, John C. Oldmixon. They carefully avoided the princess and her party. Incidentally, Mr. Oldmixon locked his right arm about a fat portfolio as though it was the most precious belonging in the world. It contained the princess's letters to her "Honey Darling," the prince; also a fat little collection of billet doux from Yvonne.

The prince does not speak English well, so his attorney talked. According to Mr. Oldmixon the trial would develop two issues as the cause of irreconcilable differences between the pair. First, said the lawyer, the Prince would prove by the packets of letters and other evidence that Yvonne, the Dresden doll foster daughter, was given to him outright by the Princess.

"It was a case where Yvonne, who was rapidly reaching a debutante's age and wanted to do something for herself in society," said Mr. Oldmixon. "The princess seemed to realize that she was not as young and attractive as she had been, but was not willing to give up Yvonne."

"Yvonne grew desperate and threatened her own death by shooting, and then it was that Madame Miskinoff, in a noble and heroic sacrifice, gave her consent to a stranger triangular situation, and exiled Yvonne and the Prince to Edgemoor, where they were to determine by constant association whether their affection for each other was as strong as they believed. The letters will prove this."

On the other hand, the lawyer explained Mme. Miskinoff, as he continued to call her, would endeavor to prove that there was no infant child of her marriage to the prince, the existence of which, the lawyer added, would be amply proved by evidence.

The princess has stoutly denied that she is the mother and has stated on previous occasions that such a child existed only in the fertile mind of the prince. The prince will contend, his

PRINCESS WHO DENIES CHILD HER HUSBAND DECLARES IS HERS.



PRINCESS MISKINOFF.

HUNT MEXICANS IN \$50,000 PLOT TO KIDNAP BOYS

Police Get Three Other Men Involved in Plan to Black-mail Texas Bankers.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 17.—Two missing Mexicans were being sought by the police to-day in connection with a plot to kidnap two young sons of El Paso bankers and hold them in the mountains of New Mexico for \$50,000 ransom. Dr. H. A. Magruder, who turned State's evidence; Maj. Jesus Villaseor, formerly of the Villa army, and Werner Fiehe, a wealthy German business man, have been arrested on indictments handed down in the alleged plot.

Magruder, a prominent local dentist, is said to have told the police that two of the conspirators planned to kidnap the two boys to prevent them sharing in the ransom. On Magruder's claim that he kept the boys' parents and the police advised of the plot he was released on \$5,000 bond. Villaseor and Fiehe were held in jail.

ONE KILLED, ONE HURT BY SUBWAY ROCK SLIDE

Removal of Big Boulder Caused Accident at 41st Street and Park Avenue.

A mass of rock slid into the cut in the new subway at Park Avenue just north of Forty-first Street this afternoon. Tony Camerato of No. 25 Monroe Street was instantly killed and Sebastian Sciarato of No. 25 Stanton Street was taken to Bellevue in a critical condition.

Officials of the Rapid Transit Subway Construction Company in charge of the work said no blast occurred before the rock slide and it was caused by the men unexpectedly undermining a huge boulder. A squad of laborers worked frantically for several minutes digging out the injured and the dead man.

ANOTHER POISON SUSPECT TAKEN BY CHICAGO POLICE; SEARCH FOR CRONES HERE

Fritz Schoenfeld, Cook at University Club, New Prisoner, Denies He Is Anarchist.

WIDE NET IS SPREAD.

Hunt Extends to Boston, Where Friend Says He Met Crones—Letter Genuine.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—The police made another arrest in the anarchist poison plot investigation to-day when they raided a house on the south side and took into custody Fritz Schoenfeld, assistant chef at the University Club. Schoenfeld said he had no information which would help the police and that he is not an anarchist.

Capt. Nicholas Hunt, Chief of Detectives, announced his conclusion that Jean Crones, the chef wanted for putting poison in soup served at the banquet to Archbishop Mundelein last Thursday, is hiding in New York or Boston.

It was at first thought possibly by Hunt and other police officials that Crones' letter, published to-day, might have been written in Chicago and sent to New York, there to be remailed, but investigation has convinced the officers that the chef is in the east.

According to Capt. Hunt there is a large colony of anarchists in Boston. The letter received by New York newspapers, signed Jean Crones is a genuine confession of the suspected arch-poisoner, police declared to-day.

Officers who have been working on the plot said to-day that the New York letter, in which the writer admitted poisoning the soup at the banquet, contains misspelled words identical with words found in other letters written by Crones.

Presence of a second poison mentioned in the Crones letter as having been put in the soup served at the banquet was discovered to-day in tests by the city chemists. The poison found was of a metallic nature, according to chemists, which would quickly induce excessive nausea, and so tend to counteract the effect of the other poison mingled with it.

Chicago detectives have been sent to New York and Boston to aid in running Crones down. Police here were confident that the alleged anarchist, under an assumed name, and his appearance changed by disguise, is working as a chef in some restaurant, or hidden by anarchist friends.

The police refused to believe Crones' statement in the letter that he had "done his work alone." Their

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KITCHENER CONFIRMS LOSS OF TWO ZEPPELINS

Announces in House of Lords That They Were Destroyed During Last Raid.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Germans lost two Zeppelins in their last raid on England, Lord Kitchener declared in the House of Lords this afternoon. The loss of the Zeppelin L-19, a few hours after the last raid on England, was admitted by the German Admiralty. The L-19 was crippled and fell into the sea. She was sighted by the crew of the English trawler King Stephen, which refused to take off the Zeppelin crew, fearing they would be attacked by the Germans, who were numerically superior. It was reported a few days ago that the Zeppelin L-20, a sister ship to the L-19, had been sighted in distress off the Danish coast.

LUSITANIA CASE SETTLED, BUT U. S. ASKS NEW PLEDGE

Demands That Germany Will Not Sink Liners Even if Armed for Defense.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Secretary Lansing to-day accepted the Lusitania agreement as satisfactory to the United States in so far as it relates to that case, but asked Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, for assurances that Germany will not carry its policy of sinking merchant ships without warning to liners, even if they carry defensive armament.

This announcement came after a visit of Count von Bernstorff to Secretary Lansing. The conference, it was explained, was at Secretary Lansing's request.

Secretary Lansing explained fully to the Ambassador the position of the United States in the light of the new developments, and is understood to have told him that the United States must insist that Germany conform all her practices to international law, inasmuch as the Entente Allies have declined to make any changes.

The Lusitania agreement will be kept by Secretary Lansing and later will be published, with the assurances which the United States hopes to receive from Germany covering the points brought up by the new submarine campaign.

The new assurances, if they are given, would be embodied in a separate note. Meanwhile, it was said that the United States would make efforts to put the Entente Allies agree not to put guns of any kind on passenger-carrying liners, and in turn would expect assurances from Germany for their safety.

It was understood the principal objection by the United States to accepting the Lusitania agreement as governing the future was that it merely referred to the assurances previously given that unresisting liners would not be sunk without warning, but it did not actually embody or reiterate them.

Ambassador von Bernstorff, when he returned to his Embassy, sent a long despatch to his Government setting forth fully the position of the United States as Secretary Lansing had outlined.

It was stated authoritatively that Germany, because of its unusual position, cannot and will not accept the suggestion of the United States as it now stands.

The text of the Austrian notice to treat armed belligerent merchant ships as subject to attack without warning was received to-day by the State Department from Ambassador Penfield in Vienna. It is dated Feb. 16, and is in line with the German declaration on the same subject, already published.

Report of Zeppelin Wreck Entree. LONDON, Feb. 17.—A despatch from Rotterdam to the Star says that the report that a Zeppelin had been blown apart during yesterday's storm and wrecked at Blerik in Holland, and there seized and interned by the authorities, is without foundation.

SHONTS AS HE LOOKED WHEN CALLED BEFORE COMMITTEE TO-DAY.



MR. SHONTS

PHOTO BY CURTIS

BRITISH SPARED WOMAN CONVICTED AS A SPY

She Was Condemned to Death, but Sentence Was Commuted to Life Imprisonment.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The case of a woman spy who was recently sentenced to death but whose sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life was reported in the House of Commons to-day by Herbert L. Samuel, the Secretary of State for Home Affairs.

The woman was found guilty in a criminal court, the Home Secretary stated. An appeal was dismissed, but the sentence was commuted. Her activities were discovered six days after her arrival in Great Britain and her correspondence was interrupted in the interval between this time and her arrest. She was not a British subject.

This is the first time since the beginning of the war, it was stated, that a woman has been given so severe a prison sentence in England for espionage.

BEATS HORSE BEATER AS HORSE WAS BEATEN

Then a Policeman Arrests the Brulal Driver and Charges Him With Cruelty.

Jacob Schmale of No. 32 Second Street was in a hurry to get to the Star Stables, Nos. 8 and 10 Livingston Street, to-day. So, although the broken down horse he was driving ambled along Third Avenue as fast as possible he is alleged to have lashed it unmercifully with a whip.

At Thirtieth Street Alvin E. LeBlanc of No. 435 East One Hundred and Forty-seventh Street remonstrated with Schwade who, he said, beat the animal all the harder.

Then LeBlanc, who had followed the horse and wagon, grabbed Schwade by the throat, wrenched the whip from him and began beating him as he had beaten the horse, until Policeman Weisenberger intervened. Schwade was arrested on a complaint made by LeBlanc.

ARK SLUMPS IN PRICE OF ERZERUM

Reports That the De-price is a Record Breaker.

WORKS 18 HOURS EVERY DAY, SHONTS DECLARES ON STAND, AND DESERVES HIS BIG PAY

WHAT SHONTS GOT: Five Western Railroads Paid Him \$40,000 a Year. Interborough Salary Was \$100,000. Interborough Directors Gave Him \$150,000 Bonus.

HE BOUGHT INTERBOROUGH STOCK WITH GIFT, HE SAYS

Theodore P. Shonts admitted before the Thompson investigating committee to-day that he remained President of five Western railroads, during most of the years he has acted as President of the Interborough Company. Those roads paid him \$40,000 a year.

Nevertheless he was not only directing the ordinary affairs of the Interborough Company during all this time, but had rendered such "extraordinary and special services" in the putting through of dual subway contracts that the directors gave him a bonus of \$150,000.

Mr. Shonts declared that he had used the \$125,000 bonus first awarded him, in June, 1913, to pay his brokers, Charles T. Barney & Co., of whom he owed money.

The record of the Shonts' account with C. T. Barney & Company was produced. It showed that on May 31, 1913, he owed the broker firm \$721,000 and that during June he reduced the debt to \$410,000.

Mr. Shonts said he was too poor to have a bank account here at the time he got the bonus. "I hope it isn't a crime to be poor in New York," he said.

A battery of photographers shot at Mr. Shonts again and again as he sat between his counsel, Dr. Lancey Nicoll and John B. Stanchfield, when

BILL EXEMPTS ALL STATE PROPERTY FROM TAXES

Senator Wagner, Presenting Measure, Tells How New York City Bears Brunt of Favored Counties.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Senator Wagner to-day introduced a bill to carry out the recommendation of the minority of the Brown Tax Investigating Committee exempting the State's property from taxation throughout the State.

"Every dollar which the State is obliged to pay means that New York City must pay 70 cents of it," Senator Wagner said in explaining his amendment. "The State has been paying to up-State counties and municipalities as taxes upon its forest lands about \$100,000 annually and New York City, therefore, pays indirectly to these up-State counties about \$100,000 a year."

"The practice is unfair. The State's property in New York City and other cities is exempt from taxation. Why should there be a discrimination in favor of a few up-State counties? It seems to me to be a method of subsidizing a few up-State communities at the expense of the entire State, and consequently at the expense of New York City to a large extent. We in New York, who are struggling under an enormous debt, certainly cannot longer tolerate the practice."

106-YEAR OLD WOMAN DIES.

Miss Jane Shields, a Resident of Brooklyn, Had Known Lincoln. Miss Jane Shields, 106 years old, struggling days as a lawyer in Illinois, is dead at No. 318 Clinton Street, Brooklyn.

Miss Shields made her home with Mrs. A. Braeken at that address for eight years. She often told Mrs. Braeken of her acquaintance with the great Lincoln, but little else was known of her past. Miss Shields will be buried from St. Peter's church, Hicks and Warren Streets, to-morrow morning. Until she became ill a few months ago, the woman had been a daily attendant at a o'clock mass.

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